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CAMPBELL MICHAEL
(1757-1830)
PAPERS
1797-1914

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INTRODUCTION

This collection is centered around Michael Campbell (1757-1830), Revolutionary War soldier, physician and state legislator of Bardstown, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee. The papers were given to the Archives and Manuscripts Section by Mr. Charles W. Jones, Jr., Aiken, South Carolina. The collection consists of .42 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 645 items and 2 volumes. Single photocopies may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Michael Campbell Papers, containing approximately 65 items and two volumes, and spanning the years 1797-1914, consist of various accounts, correspondence, land records, poetry, and legal documents.

Campbell, who lived in Bardstown, Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee, was very active in the slave trading business, and there are a number of slave bills of sale, dating from 1802 to 1847. There is also an account of items bought to equip a slave in 1797 and a receipt for a slave.

There are a number of letters in the collection, written to and from Michael Campbell, as well as other members of the Campbell family. Among the subjects covered in the correspondence are land transactions, the cotton, sugar, and tobacco markets, religion and politics.

Other items of interest in the collection include deeds and other land records, an autograph album, a volume of poetry, a military pass issued in Nashville, and an indenture for a servant.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael Campbell

1757-1830

- 1737 Born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania; of Scotch-Irish descent; the youngest of five brothers
 ---Served in the immediate command of George Washington during the latter part of the American Revolution
- ca. 1781 Moved to Bardstown, Kentucky
 ---Became a practicing physician
 ---Served several terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives
- 1808 Moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, near Nashville
 ---Early advocate of public education in Tennessee
 ---Participated in the founding of the Nashville Female Academy
- 1830 Died March 17 in Nashville

Clayton, W. Woodford, *History of Davidson County, Tennessee*

CONTAINER LIST

1. Accounts, 1797, 1885
2. Agreement, 1844
3. Autograph Album—Dicksie Campbell, 1879-188
4. Bills of Sale for Slaves, 1803-1847, n.d.
5. Bonds, 1805, 1822
6. Correspondence—Michael Campbell-Incoming
7. Correspondence—Michael Campbell-Outgoing
8. Correspondence—Campbell family
9. Correspondence—Miscellaneous
10. Deeds
11. Indenture of Servant
12. Military Pass
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17. Receipts
18. Receipt for Slaves
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20. Receipts-University of Nashville

NAME INDEX

This is a name index for the correspondence in the Michael Campbell Papers. Included are the dates of the letters, information regarding their contents, and names of recipients. The numbers in parentheses immediately following the name denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last number refers to the folder in which the material can be found.

- _____, Anna, to Sallie _____, ca. 1870, re: a travel program she attended on England and upcoming programs; asking her to come and see the entertainment, f. 8
- Bedford, Benjamin W., to John Spence, March 9, 1822, re: the cotton, sugar, and tobacco markets, f. 9
- Blount, William B., to a. W. Van Leer, Dec. 18, 1832, re: a land transaction, f. 9
- Campbell, Charles (2), to Michael Campbell, 1824-1827, re: a land transaction; James Campbell's will; financial matters, f. 6
- Campbell, Michael, to Adam G. Goodlett, 1824, re: a land transaction; financial matters; his cotton crop (brief reply from Goodlett at bottom of letter), f. 7
- Campbell, Michael, Jr., for Charles Campbell, to Michael Campbell, 1827, re: a land transaction and financial matters, f. 6
- Campbell, William G. M., to Robert Boyte C. Howell, 1834, re: his religious convictions; requests his prayers, f. 8
- Carroll, A. M., to Sally _____, May 27, 1886, re: a business transaction, f. 8
- Ewell, Thomas, to Michael C. Goodlett, July 4, 1840, re: legal matters; national politics, f. 9
- Hobson, Nathaniel, to Michael Campbell, July 5, 1830, re: Campbell's bank account, f. 6
- Loughrey, N. B., to William G. M. Campbell, Aug. 4, 1852, re: financial and legal matters; estate sale after death of Genl. Campbell, f. 8
- Macy (?), J., to Miss I. J. (?) Sledge, July 5, 1886, re: apologizing for not seeing her off; wishing her a pleasant trip through Europe, f. 9
- Spence, Ann B., to Rebecca B. C. Spence, Sept. 17, 1827, re: hopes to see her soon; family matters, f. 9